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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOC OIL CO. OFFICIALS

FOR JAMES GORDON, EB/TT/OA/AVP

1. EMBASSY FILED DIPLOMATIC NOTE WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JOC OIL CO. FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9. EMBOFF THEN CALLED MINISTRY DESK OFFICER WHO HANDLES SUCH MATTERS TO DETERMINE IF HE COULD EXPEDITE REQUEST. MFA OFFICER IN TURN, PHONED MR. MERKULOV, CHAIR MAN OF SOYUZNEFTEEKSPORT, TO CONFIRM THAT AN INVITATION TO DEUSS PARTY HAD BEEN ISSUED. MERKULOV, HOWEVER, TOLD DESK OFFICER THAT NO INVITATION HAD BEEN ISSUED AND THAT MUCH REMAINED TO BE NEGOTIATED AT A LOWER LEVEL BEFORE VISIT OF DEUSS PARTY. FOR THAT REASON, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIR WIL NOT APPROVE FLIGHT REQUEST.

2. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT JOC TRY TO IRON THIS OUT BY TELEX WITH MERKULOV BEFORE DEUSS PARTY COMES TO MOSCOW. AT ANY RATE, PRIVATE FLIGHT ON OCTOBER 12 INTO USSR IS NOT POSSIBLE.
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